



26th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 and 12 Geography students

Geography Trip to Iceland Monday 7th to Thursday 10th February 2022

The Geography Department is organising a trip to Iceland from Monday 7th to Thursday 10th February 2022 for students who will be studying Geography in Warlingham Sixth Form (September 2021/2022 cohort). As your daughter/son is currently studying Geography in Years 11 and 12 I am aiming this trip at them, so that they have the opportunity to take part in this exciting trip next year when they continue their Geography studies in Years 12 and 13. The purpose of the trip is to provide students with first-hand experience of the subject matter in the curriculum that wouldn't otherwise be possible within the normal classroom environment.

I have chosen Halsbury Travel to make the required travel arrangements as they are a specialist school trip operator with over 30 years' experience, and I have used them before for Iceland. Halsbury Travel are fully bonded by ABTA and all of their air tours are ATOL protected. They are members of the School Travel Forum and have been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge. They also offer a Covid Guarantee refund for cancellation within 30 days of departure, due to Covid restrictions impacting the purpose of the trip. After discussing the itinerary with the trip operator, I have managed to secure an **all-inclusive price of £835** for this amazing opportunity.

This includes:

- **Return flights from Gatwick to Keflavik with EasyJet.**
- **Coach use for airport transfers and excursions.**
- **Excursion entrance fees.**
- **Guesthouse accommodation for 3 nights Full Board (Bed, Breakfast, Packed Lunch & Dinner).**

Students to experience:

- ❖ **A Visit to Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station** for an introduction on how Iceland utilises its geothermal energy.
- ❖ **A visit to the foot of ice capped strato volcano Eyjafjallajökull** and views of snow shrouded **Hekla**, the country's most active volcano.
- ❖ **Sólheimajökull Glacier Walk.**
- ❖ **A visit to Kerið Crater** the 3,000-year-old Volcanic Lake.
- ❖ **Take a Dip in the Secret Lagoon** – an outdoor pool heated by the geothermal powers of lava beneath the ground!
- ❖ **A full tour of the "Golden Circle" and South Shore adventure** – including the spectacular **waterfalls of Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss and Skógarfoss**. Visit **Great Geysir** which has lent its name to hot springs all over the world and see one of the most active geysers in the area, **Strokkur**, spouting up to 30 meters (98 feet) approximately every ten minutes.
- ❖ **A visit to Þingvellir National Park**, a remarkable geological site and the most historic site in Iceland. Þingvellir is the site of the world's oldest democratic parliament founded in 930. The beautiful canyon running through the park, where you can walk between the North American and Eurasian Plates!
- ❖ **An evening expedition to catch the Northern Lights.**
- ❖ **A visit to the capital Reykjavik.**
- ❖ **A visit to FlyOver Iceland** which is an immersive flight experience. The ride utilizes state-of-the-art technology to give the guest the feeling of flight.

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If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this Icelandic experience please pay:

A non-refundable deposit of £175 to be paid by Wisepay and received no later than Friday 23rd April 2021,

with the following payment schedule thereafter:

2nd deposit: £225 to be received no later than Friday 23rd June 2021

3rd deposit: £225 to be received no later than Friday 23rd September 2021

Balance: £210 to be received no later than Friday 23rd November 2021

By ticking the box on Wisepay and making the payments, you have given your consent for your son/daughter to participate in this trip and confirm your agreement to the following statement:

I am aware that the school has a policy on the safe running of educational visits. I am also aware that the school's educational visits are always well organised with particular attention to health and safety. I understand that there can be no absolute guarantee of safety, but appreciate that the school leaders of the visit retain the same legal responsibility for students as they have in school and will do everything that is reasonably practicable to ensure the safety of everyone on the visit.

Due to the UK leaving the European Union there are some changes to the rules for UK citizens travelling to Iceland. On the day of travel, all UK passports must have 6 months of validity left and be less than 10 years old (even if it has 6 months or more left). Any non-British passport holders must make early applications for visas or any other travel documents required.

Please check the above passport criteria before handing over a copy of your son/daughter's passport to me, so that I have the correct information for the trip. Please also ensure that your son/daughter's contact, medical, allergy and dietary requirements are up to date. Sometimes during school trips photographs/CDs are taken of the participants, please let me know if you would prefer your son/daughter's photograph **not** to be taken during this school trip.

I hope your son/daughter will be able to take part in this trip as it will offer opportunities to experience a new culture, form friendships and create fantastic memories, which I hope students will be able to look back on fondly for many years to come.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Gardner
Head of Geography